

**Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes**  
**February 22, 2007**  
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**(Draft)**

In Attendance: Darrell Coverdell, Edd Blackler, John Bourquin, Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Gary Ridderhoff, Bruce Solberg, Clarice Ryan, George Darrow, Elna Darrow, Denise Lang, Jerry Murphy, Julie Spencer, Joyce Mitchell, Neil Tranel

The Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Craig Wagner at 12:02

**Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as amended (m/sc Blackler/Bourquin )

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as emailed. (m/sc Coverdell/Ridderhoff)

The Secretary reported that she had sent a letter to Joe Brenneman thanking him for his participation in the community meeting and that we had changed the time for the community meeting to the second Thursday of the Month to accommodate his schedule. So the next community meeting will be March 8, 2007. He replied, thanked us and asked what topics we would like him to address. One suggestion was the growth policy and where it stands. She also reported that she had explored the web and found the following: when on the internet and using Google type in Bigfork Planning or Land Use the bigforksteering.org web page comes up immediately but not on other search engines. So she has sent a request to the Chamber of Commerce to be linked on their site as theirs is the first one up on most search engines. Reply pending.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Gough was absent.

**Committee Reports:**

**Resort Tax:** None

**Lake County Zoning:** Leslie will deliver a report on March 15, 2007, along with Sue Shannon from the Lake County Planning Department who will attend. Mike Hutchins, Lake County Commissioner will attend our March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Long Range Planning:** Edd sent an email with his report (attached in secretary's notebook) Mike Richeson shared a map of the bikeway system in Portland Oregon, which is a fine example of what the committee needs. Also Glacier Nat'l Park in conjunction with National Geographic is creating a geotourism map that is soliciting special places to list. The deadline is May 11, 2007 and can be reached at

<http://www.crownofthecontinent.org>

It was also suggested that maybe The Long Range Committee should work in conjunction with the Community Foundation for a Better Bigfork so projects don't overlap. It would be nice to have additional daytime activities especially in the wintertime to generate more reasons for making Bigfork a destination point.

The next meeting for this standing committee will be February 26, 2007 and will be at the Flathead Bank Room in Osborn Landing at 12:00 Noon.

**Chairman's Report:** Craig is chairing this meeting at Elna's request so that we can bring her up to date from her vacation.

**New Business:** Edd Blackler had just found out that two streets in downtown Bigfork have been abandoned by the county and access to the river at one point now denied to

residents. Edd posed the question of how can we (Bigfork) be kept in the loop when things like this occur. He is sure that all legal matters were correct but who knew of them? A discussion ensued and we will pose this question to Joe Brenneman. Also to put these notices etc in common language so all can understand them.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:49